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RAJYA SABHA

Ethnic Violence in Indonesia

3684. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that thousands of people are fleeing Indonesia due to ethnic violence there;

(b) how many Indians have been affected in the ethnic violence and the protection and help provided by the Indian Mission in that country; and

(c) the stand taken by Government on the situations prevailing there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) None.

(c) Does not arise.

UN intervention for plebiscite in Kashmir

3685. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UN Secretary General has categorically ruled out UN intervention for enforcement of 1948-49 Security Council resolution favouring plebiscite in Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether he has also appealed that only the Simla Agreement and Lahore Declaration should be taken firmly for further negotiations on Kashmir;

(c) whether the statement indicates the international acceptance of Indian stand in regard to the Kashmir and relations with Pakistan;

(d) if so, whether there seems to be any change by Pakistan after the statement; and

(e) whether Government would move to United Nations to nullify 1948 resolution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) to (e) The UN Secretary General, in a press encounter in Islamabad on 10 March 2001, in response to questions referring to Kashmir and interest of UN to implement resolutions, stated *inter alia* that these resolutions were not under Chapter VII, were not self enforcing, and therefore the cooperation of the two parties, the two parties discussing these issues and finding a peaceful way out, is the route' he recommended.

The UN Secretary General also called for return to the spirit of the Lahore Declaration, and urged the Pakistani leaders to do all in their power to halt the forces of violence and seek political solutions to differences.

Pakistani leaders reiterated their known position.

The Shimla Agreement of 1972 and the Lahore Declaration of 1999 are the cornerstones of India-Pakistan relations and are widely recognized by the international community as the appropriate framework for India-Pakistan relations.

State of Minorities in Pakistan

3686. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "The State of Minorities in Pakistan" appearing in the Times of India dated 6th February, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government would like to take the matter with the United Nations for validation of human rights for the minorities in Pakistan; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have seen the report titled "The State of Minorities in Pakistan" appearing in the Times of India on 6th February 2001. Discrimination against minority communities in